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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Gerhard HARTWICH  
Serial no. : 10/069,141  
Filed : with an effective filing date of September 1, 2000  
For : METHOD FOR ELECTROCHEMICALLY  
DETECTING SEQUENCE-SPECIFIC NUCLEIC  
ACID-OLIGOMER HYBRIDISATION EVENTS  
Docket : PATKRI P03AUS

**BOX PCT**

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Further to the filing of this application, enclosed is a Third Preliminary Amendment amending the specification to include a sequence listing and overcome a drawing informality.

**In the Specification:**

Please insert the attached Sequence Listing, numbered as pages 55 - 59, after page 54 of the specification and renumber the claims pages to begin with page 60.

Please cancel paragraphs 9, 20, 74, 76, 90 and 96 of the specification, in their entirety, in favor of a clean form of paragraphs 9, 20, 74, 76, 90 and 96 of the specification, without any markings thereon, as follows. Also accompanying this response is a copy of the original paragraphs of the specification which show the addition(s) (by underlining and bold) and the deletion(s) (by strikeout) to the canceled specification paragraphs. Please enter the replacement specification paragraphs into the record of this case.

**In the Drawings:**

Please amend Fig. 1 of the drawings presently on file per the attached Submission. The Applicant respectfully requests deferment of formal entry of such drawing amendments until such time as the Examiner approves the requested drawing amendment(s).